

STATE OF MAINE
DIRIGO HEALTH AGENCY

RE: DETERMINATION OF) Application to Intervene of
AGGREGATE MEASURABLE) Consumers for Affordable
SAVING FOR THE SECOND) Health Care
ASSESSMENT YEAR (2007))

Now Comes Consumers for Affordable Health Care with its application to intervene as a matter of right pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §9054(1), and states the following:

[1] Consumers for Affordable Health Care (CAHC) is a Maine non-profit corporation located at 39 Green Street in Augusta, Maine. CAHC is Maine's largest consumer health coalition whose mission is to advocate for affordable, quality health care for every man, woman, and child.

[2] CAHC's membership includes over one-hundred members, including fifty organizations and businesses. The organization and business members, include consumer organizations such as the Maine Council of Senior Citizens, labor unions and organizations including the Maine AFL-CIO, small businesses, faith-based organizations including the Maine Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, and health care provider associations such as the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill/Maine, the Maine State Nurses Association, the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and many others. Its collective membership represents the health care and coverage interests of over 200,000 Maine citizens.

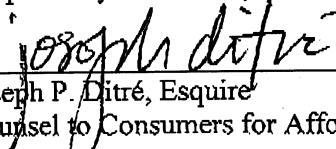
[3] CAHC was a party as of right in INS-05-700, the proceeding to determine the aggregate measurable cost savings held in September – October 2005 before the Maine Superintendent of Insurance. CAHC has substantial experience in adjudicatory matters of this nature.

[4] CAHC is a party in interest in the appeals of the Superintendent's October 29, 2005 decision pending before the Superior Courts in Kennebec and Cumberland Counties.

[5] CAHC's members will or may be directly and substantially affected by the determination in the above-captioned matter in the following ways: [a] CAHC's members include purchasers of health insurance, including DirigoChoice, whose rates, subsidies, and/or coverage may be affected; [b] CAHC's members include uninsured and underinsured individuals and small businesses in need of affordable coverage whose eligibility for and/or subsidies under the DirigoChoice may be affected; and [c] CAHC's members include publicly insured individuals and families whose eligibility for and/or coverage may be affected by the outcome of this proceeding.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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